

**AMENDMENT****OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS**

In section 202 (relating to additional modifications to premium credit) insert after the subsection (b) relating to modification of applicable percentage the following:

1       (c) ELECTION FOR STANDARD DEDUCTION IN LIEU  
2 OF CREDIT.—Section 36B(c)(1) of such Code is amended  
3 by adding at the end the following: “Such term shall not  
4 include a taxpayer who has elected the application of sec-  
5 tion 224 for the taxable year.”.

Strike the section relating to refundable tax credit for health insurance coverage (proposing to amend section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for months beginning after December 31, 2019).

Add at the end of subtitle A of title II the following:

6 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**  
7 **ERAGE PREMIUMS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-  
9 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
10 by redesignating section 224 as section 225 and by insert-  
11 ing after section 223 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 224. DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**  
2 **ERAGE PREMIUMS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible indi-  
4 vidual, there shall be allowed as a deduction for the tax-  
5 able year an amount equal to the lesser of—

6 “(1) the aggregate amount paid by the taxpayer  
7 for premiums for the taxable year for 1 or more  
8 qualified health plans offered in the individual mar-  
9 ket within a State which cover the taxpayer, the tax-  
10 payer’s spouse, or any dependent (as defined in sec-  
11 tion 152) of the taxpayer, or

12 “(2) \$10,000 (\$27,500 in the case of a joint re-  
13 turn).

14 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this  
15 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect  
16 to any taxable year, any individual—

17 “(1) whose household income for the taxable  
18 year exceeds 400 percent of an amount equal to the  
19 poverty line for a family of the size involved, or

20 “(2) who elects the application of this section.

21 “(c) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND RULES.—Subsection  
22 (b)(1) shall be determined under rules similar to the rules  
23 of subsections (c) and (d) of section 36B, and any term  
24 used in this section which is also used in section 36B shall  
25 have the meaning given such term by section 36B.”.

1 (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED WHETHER OR NOT TAX-  
2 PAYER ITEMIZES.—Section 62(a) of such Code is amended  
3 by inserting after paragraph (21) the following new para-  
4 graph:

5 “(22) DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE  
6 COVERAGE PREMIUMS.—The deduction allowed by  
7 section 224.”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
9 tions for part VII of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the  
11 item relating to section 224 and by inserting the following  
12 new items:

“Sec. 224. Deduction for health insurance coverage premiums.  
“Sec. 225. Cross reference.”.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
15 December 31, 2017.

